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condition of the image in order to take measures necessary for the conservation of the idol.

738. A budget allotment of Rs. 1,75,000 was sanctioned under "13 Muzrai—3, Construction and repairs to Muzrai Institutions" out of State Funds.

739. The two Central Acts (1) The Charitable Endowments Act and (2) The Charitable and Religious Trusts Acts have been brought into force in the State from 1st April 1951.

740. "Sudharshana Japa" and "Shanigraha Homa" were performed for 48 days in Melkote during the months of February and March 1951 as desired by the Palace authorities.

741. Arrangements were made for tree-planting in the open spaces in front and round about temples as also in the temple lands.

742. The succession of Sri Madhavacharya to the peetha of Sri Vadiraja Mutt, Sodhe, Udipi, was sanctioned in February 1951.

743. The cash grant of Sri Rambhapuri Mutt, Balehonnur, Chikmagalur Taluk, was enhanced from Rs. 203-10-0 per annum to Rs. 1,200 per annum.

744. The total amount of endowments made by private individuals for the benefit of the instituitions or for religious or charitable purposes amounted to Rs. 97,000.

745. The feeding of Non-Brahmin pilgrims at the Mysore State Charities, Thirupati, and the State Chattram at Benares at an estimated cost of Rs. 17,465 and Rs. 2,395 per annum respectively was sanctioned in February 1951.

(ii) Archæology.

746. Inspection and survey tours of ancient monuments were undertaken in several parts of the State. Several inscriptions were collected and important sculptures, monuments and sites were noticed.

747. In addition to the inspection and study of ancient temples the work of exploration of ancient sites was also done wherever possible with promising results.

748. The most important measure undertaken during the year for the conservation of ancient monuments was the protection of megalithic sites in the Mysore State on the

same lines as those adopted in Madras. The question of conducting a more systematic survey of these megalithic sites in the State was also under consideration.

749. A copper plate grant of Medakere Nayak, Paleygar of Chitaldrug, was collected during the year and arrangements were being made to collect and edit new inscriptions in various places of the State. Epigrapy.

750. The Department participated in the exhibition of Art and Archæology organised in connection with the Centenary celebrations of the Maharaja's College, Mysore, held during the month of January 1951. It also participated in the exhibitions recently held in connection with the Malnad Conference at Shimoga and the 38th Cattle Show at Hassan. Arrangements were made for the display of a typical and representative collection of antiquities, photographs of views of architecture and sculpture in Mysore, charts, maps, etc., at these exhibitions.

751. Printed copies of the revised edition of the guides to Belur, Halebid, and Talkad were made available for sale. Arrangements were also made to print the Tamil inscriptions of the supplementary volumes to the Epigraphia Carnatica series at Madras.

752. The expenditure of the Department during the year amounted to Rs. 31,352. A sum of Rs. 403 was realised by the sale of the Departmental publications and photographs.

(iv) Stationery Depot.

753. The value of the stock of stationery articles at the Government Stationery Depot, Bangalore, at the beginning of the year was Rs. 1,35,853 (Rs. 2,54,348) and the value of additions made during the year amounted to Rs. 7,87,621 (Rs. 7,88,357) bringing the total stock at the end of the year to Rs. 9,23,474 (Rs. 10,42,705). The total cost of printing paper and stationery articles purchased during the year through the Stores Purchase Committee was Rs. 7,87,621 (Rs. 7,88,356).

754. The purchase of stationery articles, printing and writing papers and Mill boards was made through the Stores Purchase Committee. In a few cases, however, local purchases were made of small quantities of special varieties of stationery articles as a measure of emergency.